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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

PRC Environmental Management, Inc. (PRC), performed a preliminary assessment and visual site inspection (PA/VSI) to identify and assess the existence and likelihood of releases from solid waste management units (SWMU) and other areas of concern (AOC) at the Drawn Metal Products Company (Drawn Metal) facility in Niles, Cook County, Illinois. This summary highlights the results of the PA/VSI and the potential for releases of hazardous wastes or hazardous constituents from SWMUs identified. In addition, a completed U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Preliminary Assessment Form (EPA Form 2070-12) is included in Attachment A to assist in prioritizing RCRA facilities for corrective action.

The Drawn Metal facility manufactures small metal automotive parts such as fuel injection cups and quick connects. Quick connects for automobiles include air conditioning, fuel, and hose connections. Manufacturing operations include stamping, drawing, and punch pressing of various metal automotive parts. Facility operations that generate solid waste include metal product cleaning, reclaiming, stamping, drawing, and punching processes. These processes generate spent trichloroethylene (TCE) (F002), still bottoms containing TCE (F002), and nonhazardous waste oil and scrap metal. The facility is currently in an industrial area and employs about 45 people working two 8-hour shifts.

In late 1956, Joseph Zapf formed Drawn Metal in Niles, Illinois. In 1956, Drawn Metal purchased 1.7 acres of undeveloped land to build a manufacturing facility. From late 1956 to present, the facility was owned by the following companies in succession: Drawn Metal; Microdot, Inc. (Microdot); Northwest Industries; Microdot; and Jahm, Inc. The facility's operations have remained essentially the same since 1956. The facility consists of one manufacturing building with about 34,600 square feet of floor space with a manufacturing area, raw material warehouse area, and office areas, and a parking lot. Facility access is controlled by an electronic alarm system for the manufacturing building. The facility is partially fenced on the east and south of the facility.

Drawn Metal submitted a Notification of Hazardous Waste Activity Form to EPA on August 17, 1980. The notification was as a large-quantity generator of hazardous waste and as a hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal (TSD) facility. Drawn Metal submitted a RCRA Part A permit application on January 15, 1985. The RCRA Part A permit application specified a maximum capacity of 3.5 gallons per day of container storage (S01) in the Hazardous Waste Container Storage Area (CSA) (SWMU 1) for F002 waste.

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On January 21, 1985, Drawn Metal submitted a closure plan for the Hazardous Waste CSA (SWMU 1). The closure plan did not include collecting samples in the area of the Hazardous CSA. On April 1, 1985, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) approved the closure plan for the Hazardous Waste CSA. On October 23, 1985, Drawn Metal submitted the certification of closure for the Hazardous Waste CSA to IEPA, and on October 28, 1985, IEPA conducted a verification of closure inspection for the Hazardous Waste CSA. IEPA approved the certified closure of the Hazardous Waste CSA on November 15, 1985. The facility currently operates as a small-quantity generator of hazardous waste only.

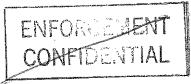
The PA/VSI identified the following eight SWMUs and no AOCs at the facility:

Solid Waste Management Units

- 1. Hazardous Waste CSA
- 2. Distillation System
- 3. Waste Oil CSA
- Former Waste CSA
- 5. Waste Oil Accumulation Area
- Waste Oil Staging Area
- 7. Scrap Metal Accumulation Areas
- 8. Scrap Metal Storage Areas

SWMUs 1, 3, 4, and 8 are located outdoors, and SWMUs 2, 5, 6, and 7 are located indoors. SWMU 1 poses a low potential for release to environmental media (ground water, surface water, air, and on-site soils) because it is RCRA closed and no documented releases have occurred. Also, SWMU 1 is constructed of concrete and is surrounded by an asphalt area. SWMU 3 poses a low potential for release to environmental media because no cracks in the concrete pad or visible evidence of spills were observed. The unit also manages a nonhazardous waste and no documented release have occurred. SWMU 4 is located on gravel but poses a low potential for release to environmental media because no stains on the gravel or evidence of spills were observed. Also, the unit is currently inactive and no documented releases have occurred. SWMU 8 poses a low potential for release to environmental media because no documented releases from this unit have occurred and the unit manages nonhazardous waste. Nonhazardous waste oil stains were observed on the concrete pad and on the facility's outside wall during the VSI. Also, some cracks were observed in the concrete pad.

SWMUs 2, 5, 6, and 7 pose a low potential for release to environmental media because they are indoors on a concrete floor and no cracks in the concrete floor or visible evidence of spills were observed.



Sensitive environments are not located on-site. The closest sensitive environment is a forest preserve that surrounds the North Branch Chicago River and is located about 1.0 mile west of the facility. The North Branch Chicago River flows southeast towards Lake Michigan, curves west, and eventually empties into the Des Plaines River. The nearest surface water body, a pond, is located about 100 feet west of the facility and is used for surface water runoff. The nearest residential area is located about 0.25 mile southeast of the facility. Cook County water supplies come from Lake Michigan. No drinking water wells are located within 3 miles of the facility. The facility has one on-site industrial ground-water well. According to a facility representative, the well is about 60 feet deep and is artesian. The well supplies noncontact cooling water used in the facility's air compressor, vapor degreaser, and distillation system. No current data is available on ground-water flow because of the minimal use of ground-water wells in the area. The facility has had no documented releases to ground water, surface water, air, and on-site soils.

No further actions are recommended for SWMUs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

PRC Environmental Management, Inc. (PRC), received Work Assignment No. C05087 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under Contract No. 68-W9-0006 (TES 9) to conduct preliminary assessments (PA) and visual site inspections (VSI) of hazardous waste treatment and storage facilities in Region 5.

As part of the EPA Region 5 Environmental Priorities Initiative, the RCRA and CERCLA programs are working together to identify and address RCRA facilities that have a high priority for corrective action using applicable RCRA and CERCLA authorities. The PA/VSI is the first step in the of prioritizing facilities for corrective action. Through the PA/VSI, enough information is obtained to characterize a facility's actual or potential releases to the environment from solid waste management units (SWMU) and areas of concern (AOC).

A SWMU is defined as any discernible unit at a RCRA facility in which solid wastes have been placed and from which hazardous constituents might migrate, regardless of whether the unit was intended to manage solid or hazardous waste.

## The SWMU definition includes the following:

- RCRA-regulated units, such as container storage areas, tanks, surface impoundments, waste piles, land treatment units, landfills, incinerators, and underground injection wells
- Closed and abandoned units
- Recycling units, wastewater treatment units, and other units that EPA has usually exempted from standards applicable to hazardous waste management units
- Areas contaminated by routine and systematic releases of wastes or hazardous constituents. Such areas might include a wood preservative drippage area, a loading or unloading area, or an area where solvent used to wash large parts has continually dripped onto soils.

An AOC is defined as any area where a release of hazardous waste or constituents to the environment has occurred or is suspected to have occurred on a nonroutine and nonsystematic basis. This includes any area where a strong possibility exists that such a release might occur in the future.

## The purpose of the PA is as follows:

- Identify SWMUs and AOCs at the facility
- Obtain information on the operational history of the facility
- Obtain information on releases from any units at the facility
- Identify data gaps and other informational needs to be filled during the VSI

The PA generally includes review of all relevant documents and files located at state offices and at the EPA Region 5 office in Chicago.

## The purpose of the VSI is as follows:

- Identify SWMUs and AOCs not discovered during the PA
- Identify releases not discovered during the PA
- Provide a specific description of the environmental setting
- Provide information on release pathways and the potential for releases to each medium
- Confirm information obtained during the PA regarding operations, SWMUs, AOCs, and releases

The VSI includes interviewing appropriate facility staff; inspecting the entire facility to identify all SWMUs and AOCs; photographing all visible SWMUs; identifying evidence of releases; making a preliminary selection of potential sampling parameters and locations, if needed; and obtaining additional information necessary to complete the PA/VSI report.

This report documents the results of a PA/VSI of the Drawn Metal Products Company (Drawn Metal) facility (EPA Identification No. ILD 000 768 671) in Niles, Cook County, Illinois. The PA was completed on January 12, 1993. PRC gathered and reviewed information from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and from EPA Region 5 RCRA files. Additional sources of information were obtained from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). The VSI was conducted on January 26, 1993. It included interviews with facility representatives and a walk-through inspection of the facility. PRC identified eight SWMUs and no AOCs at the facility.

PRC completed EPA Form 2070-12 using information gathered during the PA/VSI. This form is included in Attachment A. The VSI is summarized and eleven inspection photographs are included in Attachment B. Field notes from the VSI are included in Attachment C.

## 2.0 FACILITY DESCRIPTION

This section describes the facility's location; past and present operations; waste generating processes and waste management practices; a history of documented releases; regulatory history; environmental setting; and receptors.

## 2.1 FACILITY LOCATION

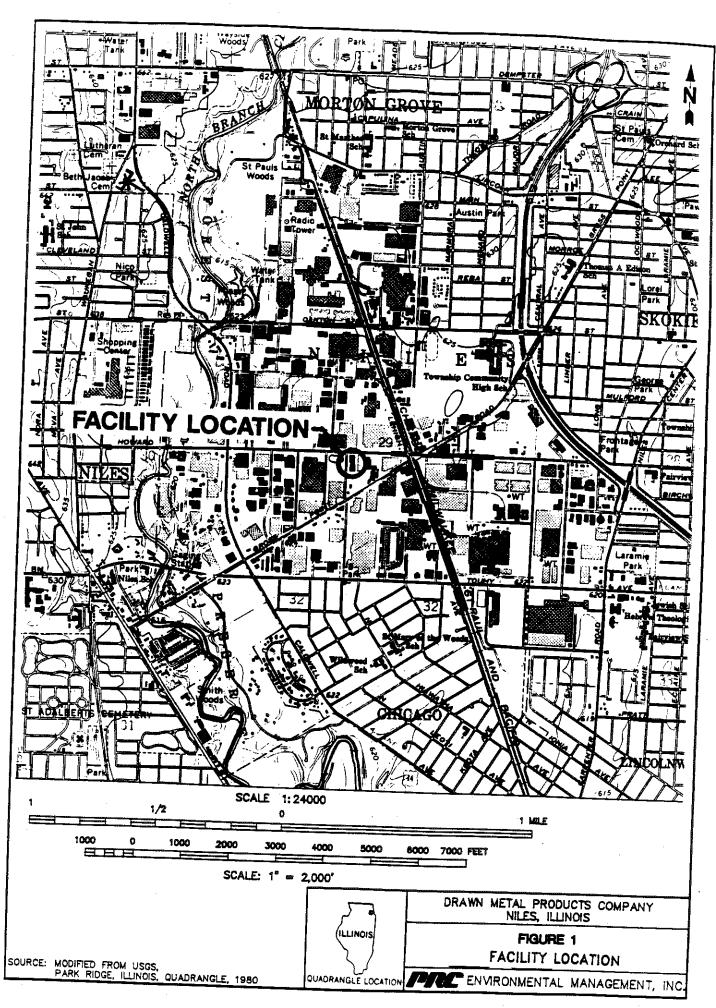
The Drawn Metal facility is located at 6143 West Howard Street in Niles, Cook County, Illinois. Figure 1 shows the location of the facility in relation to the surrounding topographic features (latitude 42° 01' 10" N and longitude 87° 46' 53" W). The facility occupies 1.7 acres in an industrial area.

The facility is bordered on the north by nuArc Graphic Art Equipment, on the west by GTS Schmidt and a pond, on the south by an automotive impound, and on the east by Universal Press, Inc.

## 2.2 FACILITY OPERATIONS

The Drawn Metal facility manufactures small metal automotive parts such as fuel injection cups and quick connects. Quick connects for automobiles include air conditioning, fuel, and hose connections. Manufacturing operations include stamping, drawing, and punch pressing of various metal automotive parts. Facility operations that generate solid waste include metal product cleaning, reclaiming, stamping, drawing, and punching processes. These processes generate spent trichloroethylene (TCE) (F002), still bottoms containing TCE (F002), and nonhazardous waste oil and scrap metal. The Drawn Metal facility has one less than 90-day Hazardous Waste Container Storage Area (CSA) (SWMU 1), a Distillation System (SWMU 2), one nonhazardous Waste Oil CSA (SWMU 3), over twenty nonhazardous waste accumulation areas (SWMUs 5 and 7), one nonhazardous Waste Oil Staging Area (SWMU 6), and nonhazardous Scrap Metal Storage Areas (SWMU 8). The facility also has a Former Waste CSA (SWMU 4). The facility is currently in an industrial area and employs about 45 people working two 8-hour shifts.

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Microdot purchased Drawn Metal. In late 1978, Northwest purchased Microdot and all of its divisions. Drawn Metal's name has not changed from late 1956 to present. In 1984, Microdot was reformed and repurchased all of its former divisions, including Drawn Metal. In 1989, Jahm, located in Madison Heights, Michigan, purchased three divisions of Microdot, including Drawn Metal. The facility consists of one manufacturing building with about 34,600 square feet of floor space with a manufacturing area, raw material warehouse area, and office areas, and a parking lot. Facility access is controlled by an electronic alarm system for the manufacturing building. The facility is partially fenced on the east and south of the facility.

Solid wastes generated from facility operations and the SWMUs where they are managed are discussed in detail in Section 2.3.

# 2.3 WASTE GENERATION AND MANAGEMENT

The primary waste streams generated at the Drawn Metal facility are from metal product cleaning, reclaiming, stamping, drawing, and punching processes. The facility generates still bottoms containing TCE (F002) from the reclamation of spent TCE (F002). Nonhazardous waste streams include waste oil and scrap metal. Wastes are generated and managed at various locations at the facility. SWMUs and their current status are identified in Table 1. The locations of SWMUs in relation to the facility layout are shown in Figure 2. Wastes generated at the facility are summarized in Table 2. Facility generation and management of both hazardous and nonhazardous wastes are discussed below.

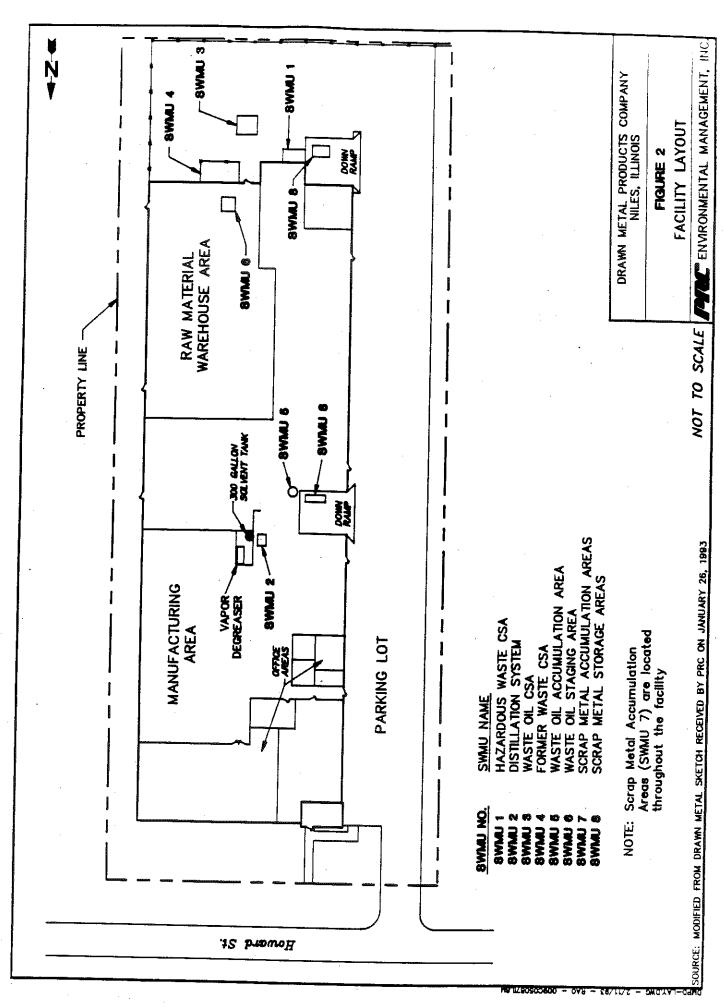
Drawn Metal operates a vapor degreaser that uses TCE to clean various automotive parts. The vapor degreaser is connected to an adjacent Distillation System (SWMU 2) that has operated since 1956. When TCE is spent, it is processed through the Distillation System (SWMU 2) to reclaim the TCE. The reclaimed TCE is recirculated to the vapor degreaser for further cleaning of various automotive parts. Still bottoms containing TCE (F002) are generated by the Distillation System (SWMU 2). Drawn Metal generates about 30 55-gallon steel drums of still bottoms containing TCE annually. This waste is transferred directly from the Distillation System (SWMU 2) to a 55-gallon steel drum and stored for less than 180 days in the Hazardous Waste CSA (SWMU 1). According to a facility representative, from late 1956 to 1980, still bottoms containing TCE were stored for less than 90 days in the Former Waste CSA (SWMU 4). The still bottoms containing TCE were transported off site to Beaver Oil of Hodgkins, Illinois, for treatment. According to a facility representative, from August 1980 to November 1985, the waste was stored for greater than 90 days in the Hazardous CSA (SWMU 1). This waste is transported off site to Detrex Corporation (Detrex) of Melrose Park, Illinois, for treatment.

TABLE 1
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNITS

SWMU		RCRA Hazardous Waste	
Number	SWMU Name	Management Unit <sup>a</sup>	Status
1	Hazardous Waste CSA	Yes	Active; certified closed in November 1985; less than 180-day storage of hazardous waste
2	Distillation System	No	Active; reclamation of hazardous waste
3	Waste Oil CSA	No	Active; storage of nonhazardous waste
4	Former Waste CSA	No	Inactive
5	Waste Oil Accumulation Area	No	Active; accumulation of nonhazardous waste
6	Waste Oil Staging Area	No	Active; temporary storage of nonhazardous waste before off-site transport
7	Scrap Metal Accumulation Areas	No	Active; accumulation of nonhazardous waste
8	Scrap Metal Storage Areas	No	Active; storage of nonhazardous waste

# Note:

A RCRA hazardous waste management unit is one that currently requires or formerly required submittal of a RCRA Part A or Part B permit application.



# TABLE 2 SOLID WASTES

Waste/EPA Waste Code <sup>a</sup>	Source	Solid Waste  Management Unit
Spent TCE/F002	Parts cleaning	SWMU 2
Still bottoms containing TCE/F002	Distillation System	SWMUs 1 and 4
Waste Oil/NA	Stamping, drawing, and punching processes	SWMUs 3, 4, 5, and 6
Scrap Metal/NA	Stamping, drawing, and punching processes	SWMUs 7 and 8
Note:		
a Not applicable (NA) designates r	nonhazardous waste.	

Nonhazardous waste oil and scrap metal are generated from stamping, drawing, and punching processes during the manufacture of the small automotive parts. Drawn Metal generates about 150 55-gallon drums of waste oil annually. Waste oil is accumulated in a 55-gallon steel drum in the Waste Oil Accumulation Area (SWMU 5). When the 55-gallon drum is full, it is transferred to the Waste Oil CSA (SWMU 3). From late 1956 to 1988, the waste oil was stored in the Former Waste CSA (SWMU 4). During the colder months, before the waste is transported off site, it is transferred to the Waste Oil Staging Area (SWMU 6). The waste oil is transported off site to Beaver Oil and Sludge Company (Beaver Oil) of Hodgkins, Illinois, for recycling.

Scrap metals such as steel and small amounts of aluminum and brass are generated from stamping, drawing, and punching processes. The scrap metals are accumulated in 1- to 2-cubic-yard containers at the Scrap Metal Accumulation Areas (SWMU 7) throughout the manufacturing building. The facility has over 20 scrap metal accumulation areas. When the 1- to 2-cubic-yard container is full, scrap metal is transferred to one of two outdoor 10- to 20-cubic-yard roll-off boxes in the Scrap Metal Storage Areas (SWMU 8). Drawn Metal generates about 1,500 cubic yards of scrap metal annually. The scrap metal is transported off site to Jacobson Iron and Steel Company, Inc. of Chicago, Illinois, for recycling.

# 2.4 HISTORY OF DOCUMENTED RELEASES

The facility has no history of documented releases to ground water, surface water, air, or on-site soil.

# 2.5 REGULATORY HISTORY

Drawn Metal submitted a Notification of Hazardous Waste Activity Form to EPA on August 17, 1980. The notification was as a large-quantity generator of hazardous waste and as a hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal (TSD) facility (Drawn Metal, 1980). On September 28, 1982, EPA informed Drawn Metal that the facility was required to submit a Part A permit application to the EPA Regional Administrator by November 19, 1980, in accordance with 40 CFR 122.22. This requirement applies to TSD facilities in existence on or before November 19, 1980. Therefore, the facility may be in violation of operating without a hazardous waste permit. However, EPA also stated that Drawn Metal may have erroneously marked the TSD box on the RCRA notification form and requested that the facility inform EPA of its current status (EPA, 1982).

On June 14, 1983, IEPA informed Drawn Metal that the facility may be in violation of not filing the 1982 Annual Hazardous Waste Report for a TSD facility (IEPA, 1983). On July 15, 1983, Drawn Metal informed IEPA that the facility is a small-quantity generator of hazardous waste and is not required to submit an annual hazardous report (Drawn Metal, 1983). PRC found no documentation during federal, state, and local file reviews that indicates that the facility submitted an annual hazardous waste report for 1982.

On July 26, 1984, IEPA inspected the Drawn Metal facility for RCRA compliance. The Drawn Metal facility was found in violation for lack of a closure plan with cost estimates, an operating record, a contingency plan, a waste analysis plan, posted warning signs, an emergency coordinator, an inspection log, and evidence of financial assurance. The Hazardous Waste CSA (SWMU 1) was also less than 50 feet from the property line (IEPA, 1984a and 1984b).

On September 6, 1984, as a result of the RCRA compliance inspection conducted on July 26, 1984, Drawn Metal responded to IEPA regarding its current regulatory status. Drawn Metal informed IEPA that the facility misclassified itself as a TSD facility and that the facility's current regulatory status is as a small-quantity generator only. Drawn Metal also requested a review of the facility's classification (Drawn Metal, 1984).

On November 16, 1984, IEPA requested a Pre-Enforcement Conference with the Drawn Metal facility regarding noncompliance with violations discovered during the RCRA inspection conducted on July 26, 1984 (IEPA, 1984c). As a result of the meeting, on December 3, 1984, the Drawn Metal facility agreed to submit a Part A permit application by January 15, 1985, and a closure plan by January 22, 1985. The facility also agreed to have the waste oil waste stream analyzed for hazardous constituents (IEPA, 1984d).

Drawn Metal submitted a RCRA Part A permit application on January 15, 1985 (Drawn Metal, 1985a). The RCRA Part A permit application specified a maximum capacity of 3.5 gallons per day of container storage (S01) in the Hazardous Waste CSA (SWMU 1) for F002 waste. On January 21, 1985, Drawn Metal submitted a closure plan for the Hazardous Waste CSA (SWMU 1) (Drawn Metal, 1985b). On February 10, 1985, IEPA published a public notice for the Hazardous Waste CSA. No public comments were received (IEPA, 1985b).

On March 8, 1985, IEPA informed Drawn Metal that the agency had received the facility's Part A permit application and closure plan for the Hazardous Waste CSA (SWMU 1); however, the agency did not receive the waste analysis for the waste oil as required (IEPA, 1985a). The closure plan did not include collecting samples in the area of the Hazardous CSA. On March 18, 1985, Drawn Metal submitted to IEPA Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for the

waste oil (Drawn Metal, 1985c). The facility also stated that the facility has a maximum capacity of 300 gallons of hazardous waste storage capacity and that the facility has had no documented releases (Drawn Metal, 1985d).

On April 1, 1985, IEPA approved the closure plan for the Hazardous Waste CSA (SWMU 1) (IEPA, 1985c). On April 22, 1985, IEPA informed Drawn Metal that the facility was required to analyze its waste oil (IEPA, 1985d). On September 20, 1985, Drawn Metal submitted to IEPA the waste analysis of the waste oil (Drawn Metal, 1985e). According to analytical results, the waste oil is nonhazardous. During the VSI, a facility representative stated that the facility shipped the wastes to the same off-site facility, but never mixed waste oil and still bottoms containing TCE (F002) and currently does not mix waste oil and still bottoms containing TCE (F002) in 55-gallon drums; therefore, the waste oil was never considered hazardous by the facility.

On October 22, 1985, Eldredge Engineering Associates, Inc., certified the closure of the Hazardous Waste CSA (SWMU 1) for Drawn Metal (Eldredge, 1985). On October 23, 1985, Drawn Metal submitted the certification of closure for the Hazardous Waste CSA (SWMU 1) to IEPA (Drawn Metal, 1985f). On October 28, 1985, IEPA conducted a verification of closure inspection for the Hazardous Waste CSA (SWMU 1) and approved the certified closure of this unit on November 15, 1985 (IEPA, 1985e). IEPA also informed the facility that it must meet the requirements as a small-quantity generator of hazardous waste only (IEPA, 1985f).

On March 3, 1986, IEPA sent Drawn Metal an Enforcement Notice Letter for noncompliance with regulations discovered during the July 26, 1984, RCRA compliance inspection and also requested an enforcement meeting regarding the facility's noncompliance with regulations (IEPA, 1986a). On April 2, 1986, Drawn Metal met with IEPA regarding noncompliance with the facility's contingency plan and personnel training program. IEPA decided that the facility's contingency plan and personnel training program were both inadequate (IEPA, 1986b and 1986c). However, the facility responded to these deficiencies and achieved compliance (IEPA, 1986d). The facility currently operates as a small-quantity generator of hazardous waste only.

PRC found no documentation of operating air permits, odor complaints from area residents, other operating permits, underground storage tanks, or CERCLA activity at the facility.

### 2.6 ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

This section describes the climate; flood plain and surface water; geology and soils; and ground water in the vicinity of the Drawn Metal facility.

#### 2.6.1 Climate

The climate in Cook County is continental. The average daily temperature is 49 °F. The lowest average daily temperature is 21.1 °F in January. The highest average daily temperature is 72.2 °F in July.

The majority of the area's precipitation occurs between April and September. The total annual precipitation for the county is 33 inches (USDA, 1976). The mean annual lake evaporation for the area is about 30 inches (DOC, 1968).

The 1-year, 24-hour maximum rainfall is about 4.62 inches. Prevailing winds are from the north-northwest in winter and from the south in the summer. The mean annual wind speed is 9.7 miles per hour (DOC, 1980).

## 2.6.2 Flood Plain and Surface Water

The Drawn Metal facility is not located in a 100-year flood plain (FEMA, 1979). The nearest surface water body, a pond, is located about 100 feet west of the facility and is used for surface water runoff. The North Branch Chicago River is located about 1.0 mile west of the facility. The North Branch Chicago River flows southeast towards Lake Michigan, curves west, and eventually empties into the Des Plaines River. The Drawn Metal facility does not have a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

## 2.6.3 Geology and Soils

No site-specific geology or soils information is available. The following paragraphs discuss the regional geology and soils of Cook County.

The structural geology of the area is relatively simple. Generally, rocks dip eastward at 10 to 15 feet per mile, with minor east-to-west trending flexures. A major structural feature is present, known as the Des Plaines Disturbance in northern Cook County. The Des Plaines Disturbance is an area of complex faulting. Ground water flow may be restricted in this area and local effects may be difficult to predict.

Erosion of the bedrock surface before glaciation produced deep valleys, many of which now are filled with glacial drift. Because of this erosion, the thickness of the upper unit of the bedrock may change abruptly over short distances. Main rock units present in the shallow and deep bedrock aquifer systems in the area are the Silurian dolomite, the Maquoketa Group, the Ironton-Galesville, the Eau Claire Formation, and the Mt. Simon aquifer systems.

The Silurian dolomite uncomformably overlies rocks of the Maquoketa Group and is overlain by the glacial drift. Fracturing is common in these rocks, particularly in the upper portion. The Silurian Dolomite is subdivided into the Niagaran Series and the underlying Alexandrian Series. The Niagaran Series consists of 20 feet of light buff, very fine crystalline to granular porous dolomite. This dolomite is relatively pure to silty and compact to porous with some dolomitic siltstone. The rocks of the Alexandrian Series consist of 40 to 50 feet of light gray to yellowish tan, very finely crystalline, slightly silty, slightly porous to compact dolomite overlying gray to brown, very fine, granular, silty to very silty compact dolomite and locally dolomitic siltstone.

The Maquoketa Group underlies the Silurian dolomite and is up to 250 feet thick. The Maquoketa Group consists of soft shale interbedded with dolomite, brittle dolomite shale, and siltstone. The materials comprising the upper portion of the group are quite variable, but the beds near the base are more consistent with relatively impermeable shales. These beds are generally more than 30 feet thick.

The upper portion of the Ironton-Galesville is approximately 100 to 275 feet thick and consists of clean, medium- to coarse-grained, partly dolomitic, moderately to poorly sorted sandstone. White to light buff, clean to slightly silty, fine-grained, moderately well sorted, and largely nondolomitic sandstone comprise the lower portion of the Ironton-Galesville.

The Eau Claire Formation is composed of a variety of rock types including sandstone, siltstone, dolomite, and shale in its upper and middle portions. The lower portion of the Eau Claire Formation is composed of sandstone similar to those in the underlying Mt. Simon Sandstone. The Mt. Simon Sandstone is approximately 2,000 feet thick and consists of fine- to coarse-grained sandstone commonly poorly sorted with occasional small pebbles. The Potsdam Megagroup consists of the Mt. Simon Sandstone and the lower portion of the Eau Claire Formation. The Potsdam Megagroup is equivalent to the Mt. Simon aquifer system (Hughes and others, 1966).

The area in general consists of built-up and deep, level to undulating, well-drained and poorly-drained soils that have a loamy, silty, or sandy subsoil in glacial outwash and in glacial lake sediment. The Drawn Metal facility is in an area that consists of 50 percent urban land, 20 percent Selma soils, 20 percent Oakville soils, and 10 percent of various minor soils.

Urban land consists of buildings and pavements that obscure or alter the soils. In most places, Selma soils occupy slightly lower positions than Oakville soils, Selma soils are poorly drained, and Oakville soils are well drained. Selma soils have a surface layer of loam, whereas Oakville soils have a surface layer of sand. Many of the soils in this unit contain layer of silt. These layers are soft and compressible when wet.

The minor soils in the unit are the Orthents loamy, the very poorly drained and poorly drained Gilford and Milford soils, and the somewhat poorly drained Hoopeston, Watseka, and Wesley soils. Most areas are residential or used for public facilities and other works and structures. A few small tracts of land are idle or vacant. Some areas are in small estates or homesites with relatively large lots. Wetness is the main limitation of urban development and other applications in areas covered with Selma soils. No severe limitations of urban development exist on Oakville soils. The well drained soils on ridges have very good potential for urban development and consist of about one third of the soil in Cook County. About one third of the soils have a fair potential for constructing residences without basements and small commercial buildings. Another third of the soils have poor potential for urban development because of wetness (USDA, 1976).

### 2.6.4 Ground Water

No site-specific ground-water information is available. The following paragraphs discuss the regional ground-water setting of Cook County.

Ground water is obtained from three major sources: glacial drift aquifers, shallow dolomite aquifers, and deep sandstone aquifers. In 1962, about 11 percent of the total ground water was drawn from glacial drift wells, 37 percent from shallow dolomite wells, and 52 percent from deep sandstone wells.

The shallow bedrock aquifer system consists of bedrock units that commonly directly underlie the glacial drift and are recharged locally by precipitation. The major units in this system are the Silurian dolomite, which yields most of the county's ground water, and the Maquoketa Group, which underlies the Silurian dolomite and separates the shallow bedrock aquifer system from underlying deep bedrock aquifer systems. The Maquoketa Group consists

mainly of shales and dolomites. The upper boundary of the shallow bedrock aquifer system is the top layer of bedrock. The lower boundary of the aquifer is the top of the Galena-Platteville Dolomite except where the Galena-Platteville Dolomite is the uppermost bedrock layer and subject to local recharge. In these areas, the upper portion of the Galena-Platteville Dolomite is more permeable, and the lower boundary of the shallow bedrock aquifer system lies within this dolomite.

The deep bedrock aquifer systems consists of the Cambrian-Ordovician and Mt. Simon aquifer systems. These units recharge where they crop out at the surface or where they immediately underlie the glacial drift to the west and north. In addition, the units gain water from downward leakage through the Maquoketa Group. The upper unit of the deep bedrock aquifer system is the Galena-Platteville Dolomite; the base of the lower unit is the top of Precambrian Era crystalline rock. Rocks of lower permeability in the upper and middle portions of the Eau Claire Formation separate the two deep bedrock aquifer systems. Three major sandstone aquifers are present in the two deep bedrock aquifer systems: the Glenwood-St. Peter, the Ironton-Galesville, and the Mt. Simon aquifer systems.

The top of the Cambrian-Ordovician Formation aquifer system is the top portion of or within the Galena-Platteville Dolomite. The Cambrian-Ordovician Formation and the Mt. Simon Sandstone aquifer systems are separated by relatively impermeable shales and dolomites of the upper and middle portions of the Eau Claire Formation. The permeable sands of the lower portion of the Eau Claire Formation are included in the Mt. Simon Sandstone as the Mt. Simon aquifer system. Water in the Mt. Simon aquifer system is present under leaky artesian conditions because of confining beds of the Eau Claire Formation.

The deep bedrock aquifer systems have been used for many years because they supply a relatively dependable and large supply of water of predictable quality. Wells with yields exceeding 700 gallons per minute are not uncommon (Hughes and others, 1966). In the last 10 years, average water levels have declined (USDA, 1976).

Cook County water supplies come from Lake Michigan. No drinking water wells are located within 3 miles of the facility. The facility has one on-site industrial ground-water well. According to a facility representative, the well is about 60 feet deep and is artesian. The well supplies water for the facility's noncontact cooling water used in the facility's air compressor, vapor degreaser, and distillation system. No current data is available on ground-water flow because of the minimal use of ground water in the area.

## 2.7 RECEPTORS

The facility occupies 1.7 acres in an industrial area in Niles, Illinois. Niles has a population of about 29,000 people.

The facility is bordered on the north by nuArc Graphic Art Equipment, on the west by GTS Schmidt and a pond, on the south by an automotive impound, and on the east by Universal Press, Inc. The nearest residential area is located about 0.25 mile southeast of the facility. Facility access is controlled by an electronic alarm system for the manufacturing building. The facility is partially fenced on the east and south of the facility.

Sensitive environments are not located on-site. The closest sensitive environment is a forest preserve that surrounds the North Branch Chicago River and is located about 1.0 mile west of the facility. The North Branch Chicago River flows southeast towards Lake Michigan, curves west, and eventually empties into the Des Plaines River. The nearest surface water body, a pond, is located about 100 feet west of the facility and is used for surface water runoff. The nearest residential area is located about 0.25 mile southeast of the facility. Cook County water supplies come from Lake Michigan. No drinking water wells are located within 3 miles of the facility. The facility has one on-site industrial ground-water well. According to a facility representative, the well is about 60 feet deep and is artesian. The well supplies noncontact cooling water used in the facility's air compressor, vapor degreaser, and distillation system. No current data is available on ground-water flow because of the minimal use of ground-water wells in the area.

## 3.0 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNITS

This section describes the eight SWMUs identified during the PA/VSI. The following information is presented for each SWMU: description of the unit, dates of operation, wastes managed, release controls, history of documented releases, and PRC's observations. Figure 2 shows the SWMU locations.

SWMU 1

Hazardous Waste CSA

Unit Description:

This unit is outdoors in the southwestern portion of the facility. The unit consists of 55-gallon steel drums on a concrete pad and measures about 10 by 20 feet. Currently, this unit operates as a less than 180-day storage area of hazardous waste.

Date of Startup:

This unit began operation in 1980.

Date of Closure:

In April 1985, IEPA approved the closure plan for the unit and the unit was certified closed in November 1985. The unit is currently used as a less than 180-day storage area. According to a facility representative, from late 1956 to 1980, still bottoms containing TCE (F002) were stored for less than 90 days in the Former Waste CSA (SWMU 4).

Wastes Managed:

This unit manages still bottoms containing TCE (F002) generated from the Distillation System (SWMU 2). The waste is transported off site to Detrex of Melrose Park, Illinois, for treatment.

Release Controls:

The unit is located on a concrete pad surrounded by an asphalt area.

History of

Documented Releases:

No releases from this unit have been documented.

Observations:

During the VSI, the unit contained three wooden pallets. The area south of the unit contained one 55-gallon drum of still bottoms containing TCE (F002) during the VSI. According to a facility representative, the 55-gallon drum of still bottoms containing TCE was temporarily outside the unit because the unit had recently been

shovelled after heavy snowfall during the previous week. The area around the unit consists of a concrete pad, which is surrounded by an asphalt area. No cracks in the concrete pad or visible evidence of spills were observed (see Photographs No. 1 and 2).

SWMU 2

Distillation System

Unit Description:

This unit is indoors in the central portion of the facility and is on a concrete floor. The unit measures about 2 feet by 5 feet by 5 feet, and is constructed of steel. The system has a capacity of about 100 gallons. The unit is located next to a vapor degreaser that it is connected to, and a wall separates the unit from the vapor degreaser. The unit reclaims spent TCE (F002) and recirculates it to the vapor degreaser for further use in cleaning various metal parts.

Date of Startup:

According to facility representatives this unit began operating in late 1956, when facility operations began.

Date of Closure:

This unit is active.

Wastes Managed:

This unit reclaims spent TCE (F002) from metal parts cleaning. Still bottoms containing TCE (F002) generated during the reclamation process is transferred directly from the unit into 55-gallon drums and stored for less than 180 days in the Hazardous Waste CSA (SWMU 1). According to a facility representative, from August 1980 to November 1985, the waste was stored for greater than 90 days in the Hazardous CSA (SWMU 1). The waste is transported off site to Detrex of Melrose Park, Illinois, for treatment.

Release Controls:

This unit is located indoors on a concrete floor. No floor drains were visible in the area during the VSI.

History of Documented Releases:

No releases from this unit have been documented.

Observations:

The unit contained about 75 gallons of spent TCE during the VSI. No cracks in the concrete floor or visible evidence of spills were observed (see Photograph No. 3).

SWMU 3

Waste Oil CSA

Unit Description:

This unit is outdoors in the south-central portion of the facility. The unit consists of 55-gallon drums on a concrete area that measures about 20 by 20 feet. This unit operates as a storage area of nonhazardous waste.

Date of Startup:

This unit began operation in 1988.

Date of Closure:

This unit is active.

Wastes Managed:

This unit manages nonhazardous waste oil. The waste is transported off site to Beaver Oil of Hodgkins, Illinois, for recycling.

Release Controls:

This unit is located on a concrete pad surrounded by an asphalt area.

History of

Documented Releases:

No releases from this unit have been documented.

Observations:

The unit contained 10 55-gallon drums of nonhazardous waste oil during the VSI. The area around the unit is asphalt. No cracks in the concrete pad or visible evidence of spills were observed (see Photographs No. 2 and 4).

SWMU 4

Former Waste CSA

Unit Description:

This unit is outdoors in the southeastern portion of the facility. This unit consisted of 55-gallon steel drums of still bottoms containing TCE (F002) and nonhazardous waste oil stored on a gravel area that measures about 20 by 30 feet. Currently, this unit stores empty 55-gallon steel drums and equipment.

Date of Startup:

According to facility representatives this unit began operating in late 1956, when facility operations began.

Date of Closure:

This unit is inactive; the facility discontinued using the unit in 1988.

Wastes Managed:

This unit formerly managed still bottoms containing TCE (F002) and nonhazardous waste oil and currently stores empty 55-gallon steel drums and equipment. The still bottoms containing TCE (F002) and waste oil were transported off site to Beaver Oil of Hodgkins, Illinois, for treatment and recycling, respectively. The still bottoms containing TCE (F002) is currently stored in the Hazardous CSA (SWMU 1) and is transported off site to Detrex of Melrose Park, Illinois, for treatment. The waste oil is currently transported off site to Beaver Oil of Hodgkins, Illinois, for recycling.

Release Controls:

The unit has no release controls.

History of

Documented Releases:

No releases from this unit have been documented.

Observations:

The unit contained about seven empty 55-gallon steel drums during the VSI. PRC noted no stains on the soil or evidence of spills. The area around the unit is a concrete pad to the west and southwest and asphalt to the south and east (see Photographs No. 2 and 5).

SWMU 5

Waste Oil Accumulation Area

Unit Description:

This unit is indoors in the central portion of the facility and consists of a 55-gallon steel drum on a concrete floor. The unit measures about 4 by 4 feet and operates as an accumulation area for nonhazardous waste.

Date of Startup:

According to facility representatives this unit began operating in late 1956, when facility operations began.

Date of Closure:

This unit is active.

Wastes Managed:

This unit manages nonhazardous waste oil. The waste is transported off site to Beaver Oil of Hodgkins, Illinois, for recycling.

Release Controls:

This unit is located indoors on a concrete floor.

History of

Documented Releases:

No releases from this unit have been documented.

Observations:

The unit contained one partially full, 55-gallon steel drum of nonhazardous waste oil during the VSI. The unit is next to the dock area. No cracks in the concrete floor or visible evidence of spills were observed (see Photograph No. 6).

SWMU 6

Waste Oil Staging Area

Unit Description:

This unit is indoors in the southeastern portion of the facility. This unit consists of 55-gallon steel drums on a concrete floor and measures about 15 by 15 feet. During the colder months, the unit operates as a temporary storage area for nonhazardous waste before the waste is transported off site.

Date of Startup:

According to facility representatives this unit began operating in late 1956, when facility operations began.

Date of Closure:

This unit is active.

Wastes Managed:

This unit manages nonhazardous waste oil from stamping, drawing, and punching processes. The waste is transported off site to Beaver Oil of Hodgkins, Illinois, for recycling.

Release Controls:

This unit is located indoors on a concrete floor.

History of

Documented Releases:

No releases from this unit have been documented.

Observations:

The unit contained 14 55-gallon drums of waste oil during the VSI. No cracks in the concrete floor or visible evidence of spills were

observed (see Photograph No. 7).

SWMU 7

Scrap Metal Accumulation Areas

Unit Description:

This unit is indoors and consists of about 20 1- to 2-cubic-yard containers on a concrete floor. This unit operates as an accumulation area for nonhazardous waste.

According to facility representatives this unit began operating in late 1956, when facility operations began.

Date of Closure:

Date of Startup:

This unit is active.

Wastes Managed:

This unit manages nonhazardous scrap metal. The scrap metal is transported off site to Jacobson Iron and Steel Company, Inc., of Chicago, Illinois, for recycling.

Release Controls:

This unit is located on a concrete floor.

History of

Documented Releases:

No releases from this unit have been documented.

Observations:

The unit contained about I cubic yard of scrap metal during the VSI. The scrap metal in the unit was covered with nonhazardous waste oil. No cracks in the concrete floor or visible evidence of spills were observed (see Photographs No. 8 and 9).

SWMU 8

Scrap Metal Storage Areas

Unit Description:

This unit is outdoors in the southwestern and west-central portion of the facility. This unit consists of two 10- to 20-cubic-yard roll-off boxes on an outdoor concrete pad. The unit is located on two separate, approximately 30-degree-angle down ramps.

Date of Startup:

According to facility representatives this unit began operating in late 1956, when facility operations began.

Date of Closure:

This unit is active.

Wastes Managed:

This unit manages nonhazardous scrap metal from the stamping, drawing, and punching processes. The scrap metal is transported off site to Jacobson Iron and Steel Company, Inc., of Chicago,

Illinois, for recycling.

Release Controls:

This unit is located on a concrete pad.

History of

Documented Releases:

No releases from this unit have been documented.

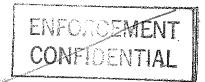
Observations:

The unit contained about 8 cubic yards of scrap metal in each roll-off box during the VSI. PRC noted some cracks in the concrete pad. Also, nonhazardous waste oil stains were observed on the concrete pad and on the facility's outside wall (see Photographs No. 10 and 11).

# 4.0 AREAS OF CONCERN

PRC identified no AOCs during the PA/VSI.





# 5.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The PA/VSI identified eight SWMUs and no AOCs at the Drawn Metal facility. Background information on the facility's location; operations; waste generating processes and waste management practices; history of documented releases; regulatory history; environmental setting; and receptors is presented in Section 2.0. SWMU-specific information, such as the unit's description, dates of operation, wastes managed, release controls, history of documented releases, and observed condition, is presented in Section 3.0. Following are PRC's conclusions and recommendations for each SWMU. Table 3, at the end of this section, summarizes the SWMUs at the facility and the recommended further actions.

SWMU 1

Hazardous Waste CSA

Conclusions:

This unit is outdoors on a concrete pad in the southwestern portion of the facility and currently operates as a less than 180-day hazardous waste storage area. This unit was RCRA closed in November 1985 and no documented releases have occurred. Wastes are currently stored in closed 55-gallon drums on a concrete pad surrounded by an asphalt area. The potential for release of hazardous constituents to ground water, surface water, air, and on-site soils from this unit is low.

Recommendations:

PRC recommends no further action for this SWMU at this time.

SWMU 2

Distillation System

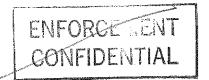
Conclusions:

This unit is indoors on a concrete floor in the central portion of the facility. This unit is constructed of steel and has a capacity of about 100 gallons. The unit is next to a vapor degreaser that it is connected to, and a wall separates the unit and the vapor degreaser. The unit reclaims spent TCE and recirculates TCE to the vapor degreaser for further use in cleaning various metal parts. The unit is located indoors on a concrete floor and no cracks in the concrete floor or visible evidence of spills were observed. No documented releases from this unit have occurred. The potential for release of hazardous constituents to ground water, surface water, air, and on-site soils from this unit is low.

Recommendations:

PRC recommends no further action for this SWMU at this time.

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SWMU 3

Waste Oil CSA

Conclusions:

This unit is outdoors on a concrete pad in the south-central portion of the facility and currently operates as a nonhazardous waste storage area. During the VSI, no cracks in the concrete pad or visible evidence of spills were observed. No documented releases from this unit have occurred. The potential for release of hazardous constituents to ground water, surface water, air, and on-site soils from this unit is low.

Recommendations:

PRC recommends no further action for this SWMU at this time.

SWMU 4

Former Waste CSA

Conclusions:

This unit is outdoors on gravel in the southeastern portion of the facility and currently operates as a storage area for empty 55-gallon steel drums and various equipment. During the VSI, no stains on the gravel or evidence of spills were observed. No documented releases from this unit have occurred. The potential for a release to ground water, surface water, air, and on-site soils from this unit is low.

Recommendations:

PRC recommends no further action for this SWMU at this time.

SWMU 5

Waste Oil Accumulation Area

Conclusions:

This unit is indoors on a concrete floor in the central portion of the facility and operates as a nonhazardous waste storage area. During the VSI, no cracks in the concrete floor or visible evidence of spills were observed. No documented releases from this unit have occurred. The potential for release of hazardous constituents to ground water, surface water, air, and on-site soils from this unit is low.

Recommendations:

PRC recommends no further action for this SWMU at this time.

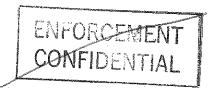
SWMU 6

Waste Oil Staging Area

Conclusions:

This unit is indoors on a concrete floor in the southeastern portion of the facility and operates as a temporary storage area for nonhazardous waste before off-site shipment. During the VSI, no cracks in the concrete floor

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or visible evidence of spills were observed. No documented releases from this unit have occurred. The potential for a release to ground water, surface water, air, and on-site soils from this unit is low.

Recommendations:

PRC recommends no further action for this SWMU at this time.

SWMU 7

Scrap Metal Accumulation Areas

Conclusions:

This unit is present indoors and throughout the facility and consists of about 20 1- to 2-cubic-yard containers on a concrete floor. This unit operates as a storage area for nonhazardous waste. During the VSI, no cracks in the concrete floor or visible evidence of spills were observed. No documented releases from this unit have occurred. The potential for release of hazardous constituents to ground water, surface water, air, and on-site soils from this unit is low.

Recommendations:

PRC recommends no further action for this SWMU at this time.

SWMU 8

Scrap Metal Storage Areas

Conclusions:

This unit consists of two 10- to 20-cubic-yard roll-off boxes on a concrete pad. This unit operates as a storage area for nonhazardous waste. The unit is located on two separate, approximately 30-degree-angle down ramps in the southwestern and west-central portion of the facility. During the VSI, nonhazardous waste oil stains were observed on the concrete pad and on the facility's outside wall. Also, some cracks were observed in the concrete pad. No documented releases from this unit have occurred. The potential for a release to ground water, surface water, air, and on-site soils from this unit is low.

Recommendations:

PRC recommends no further action for this SWMU at this time.



# TABLE 3 SWMU SUMMARY

_	SWMU	Dates of Operation	Evidence of Release	Recommended Further Action
1.	Hazardous Waste CSA	1980 to present	None	No further action at this time
2.	Distillation System	Late 1956 to present	None	No further action at this time
3.	Waste Oil CSA	1988 to present	None	No further action at this time
4.	Former Waste CSA	Late 1956 to 1988	None	No further action at this time
5.	Waste Oil Accumulation Area	Late 1956 to present	None	No further action at this time
6.	Waste Oil Staging Area	Late 1956 to present	None	No further action at this time
7.	Scrap Metal Accumulation Areas	Late 1956 to present	None	No further action at this time
8.	Scrap Metal Storage Areas	Late 1956 to present	None	No further action at this time

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ATTACHMENT A
EPA PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT FORM 2070-12



# POTENTIAL HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT PART 1 - SITE INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT

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